(d) whether it is a fact that the action of his Ministry is in contravention of the statute;

(e) if so, whether any steps have been taken to reconsider the whole matter;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof;

(g) whether it is a fact that his Ministry does not enjoy any absolute powers which have not been conferred by Parliament; and

(h) if so, on what grounds the proceedings were dropped?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) No Notification is necessary in such cases.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (h) Approval of appropriate authority had been obtained for dropping the proceedings.

Price fixation of Streptomycin

1404. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prices of Streptomycin which have been fixed under DPCO, 1987;

(b) on what basis the prices of Streptomycin have been fixed for Synbiotics;

(c) what is the basis of fixing the weighted average price and what is the quantity of production that has been taken into consideration for each producer;

(d) in what way this price fixation would help the consumer or the public sector undertakings; and

(e) whether this system would give unintended benefit to Synbiotics?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The price of Streptomycin Sulphate fixed under DPCO, 1987 is as follows:

M/s. Synbiotics	Rs. 1049.00 kg.
M/s. IDPL	Rs. 1147.00/kg.
M/s. HAL	Rs. 1147.00/kg.
M/s. Alembic Chemicals Works Co. Ltd	Rs. 1147.00/kg.

The price for fixing the formulations is Rs. 1049.00 per kg.

(b) The price for M/s. Synbiotics has been fixed equal to the weighted average price for formulation.

(c) The weighted price was fixed based on the ratio of 35:65 with reference to the prices of M/s. Synbiotics and M/s. HAL & M/s. IDPL, respectively.

(d) The price increase in the formulations will be 2.12 per cent only.

(e) No, Sir.

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Drug prices charged by M/s. Pfizer Limited

1406. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3286 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of products on which M/s. Pfizer Limited undercharged the prices from the consumer;